

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**A B S T R A C T**

PUBLIC SERVICES – Revenue Department – Disciplinary action initiated against Sri M.S. Murali, RDO, Ongole and Smt. Y. Mercy Kumari, Tahsildar, Vetapalem (M), Ongole division, Prakasam district - Charges issued – Explanation received – “Further Action Dropped” - Orders Issued.

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**REVENUE (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.RT.No. 870**

**Dated:08-10-2014**  
**Read the following:**

- 1) From CCLA, Hyd.,ref.no.VS1(1)/223/2014, dt. 09.04.2014
- 2) G.O.Rt.No.694, Rev (Vig.I) Dept, dt. 11.07.2014.
- 3) G.O.Rt.No.695, Rev (Vig.I) Dept, dt. 11.07.2014.
- 4) From Sri M.S. Murali, RDO, Ongole explanation dt.13..8.14.
- 5) From Smt. Y.Mercy Kumari, Tahsildar, Vetapalem (M), Ongole division, explanation dt. .08.2014

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**OR D E R:**

In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad has reported that the Dist Collector, Prakasam has stated that the Tahsildar, Naguluppalapadu has failed to follow the procedure prescribed under A.P. Assigned Lands (POT) Act, 1977 while resuming the lands and to appraise the Dist. Collector when referred to Grievance Petitions filed by the assignees, that the matter is pending before the Hon'ble High Court, and that the Hon'ble court passed orders not to disturb the physical possession of the Writ Petitioners. . The RDO, Ongole has failed to pass appropriate orders on the stay and appeal petitions filed by the Writ Petitioners within 7 days as directed by the Hon'ble High Court which leads to contempt notice to the Dist. Collector, Prakasam and MRO, Naguluppalapadu. The Dist. Collector, Prakasam has requested to initiate common disciplinary proceedings against Sri M.S. Murali, RDO, Ongole and Smt. Y. Mercy Kumari, Tahsildar, Vetapalem (M), Ongole division, Prakasam district.

2. Government have examined the matter and decided to initiate disciplinary action against them. Accordingly Article of Charges were issued against Sri M.S. Murali, RDO, Ongole and Smt. Y. Mercy Kumari, Tahsildar, Vetapalem (M), Ongole division, Prakasam district calling for their explanation vide reference 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> read above respectively. They have submitted explanations vide reference 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> read above respectively.

3. Sri M.S. Murali, RDO, Ongole has explained that the appeal petitions have been posted for hearing on 16.8.2013 and advocates have resolved to abstain from attending the courts from 11.8.2013 to 23.1.2014, due to samaikyandhra agitation. Hence he contended that there is no irregularity on his part.

4. The Accused Officer Smt. Y.Mercy Kumari, Tahsildar, Vetapalem (M), in her explanation has mainly contended that the VRO took possession of the subject matter of the land without allowing time to appeal and erected sign boards showing that land is Government land, but some unknown persons have removed the sign boards and the VRO has filed a compliant before the SI of Police, Inkollu to take action against miscreants, but the writ petitioners misunderstood that the action was made at the instance of Collector and have issued contempt notices to a Collector through Hon'ble High Court. Thus, she has stated that there is no irregularity on her part and requested for exoneration from the charges.

5. Accordingly, Government have examined the matter and observed that there is no material irregularity or loss to Government in the case. There is only a communication gap which led to issue of contempt notice. Therefore, Government have decided to take a lenient view and to drop further action with advise them to be more careful in future.

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6. The Government hereby drop further action against Sri M.S. Murali, RDO, Ongole and Smt. Y. Mercy Kumari, Tahsildar, Vetapalem (M), Ongole division, Prakasam district by taking a lenient view and advised to be more careful in future.

7. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad shall take further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**J.C. SHARMA  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

Sri M.S. Murali, Revenue Divisional Officer, Ongole

Smt. Y. Mercy Kumari, Tahsildar, Vetapalem (M), Ongole division, Prakasam district.

(through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Hyderabad)

Copy to:

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Hyderabad

The Collector, Prakasam,

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**// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //**

**SECTION OFFICER**